Brookline Preservation Commission Local Historic District Report

Address: 61 Walnut Place
District: Pill Hill LHD
Applicant: Tiffani Wolf
Date Built: c.1861/1964
Architect: unknown
Builder: unknown





Statement of Significance:

This building was constructed as a carriage barn and stable for the Moses B. Williams House at 67 Walnut Place. According to the town tax lists, the barn was constructed by 1861. The house underwent two major conversions, leaving little historic fabric. In 1964 architect Thomas McNulty converted the barn into a single family dwelling. In 1979, major additions and alterations were completed by builder Paul Perella.

.<u>Proposed Alterations:</u>

The Applicant is proposing to install 50 LG all black 360W solar panels on 4 surfaces of the asphalt roof. On roof 1, 2 & 4 the panels will be mounted flat on aluminum racks while on roof 3 they will be installed at a slight angle.

Applicable Guidelines:

The Preservation Commission's Design Guidelines for Local Historic Districts state that:

- When possible, renewable energy systems should be proposed for installation in locations where they will not be visible from a public way, park or body of water. In cases where this is not practicable, systems attached to buildings should not obscure historic features from public view, or be visible in a way which significantly alters the profile or character of the building.
- Historic materials and features such as cladding, trim, windows, doors, ornamental detailing and other elements should not be removed or altered; slate and terra cotta tile and other historic roofing materials should not be removed or altered.
- For proposed installations with visibility from a public way, park or body of water, the Commission will consider the historic and architectural significance of the facades which may be affected, including roofs and rooflines, the historic fabric, including materials, which may be affected, and the reversibility of the proposed system.
- Free-standing or detached installations should be located to minimize their visibility from public view and should not obscure historic features of nearby buildings. The Commission may request that installations be screened or enclosed with materials appropriate to the setting and district.

Preliminary Findings:

The only portion of this project that is visible from a public way is roof installation #1, which faces Oakland Road. Staff assessed the visibility of the project and felt that the panels would be minimally visible. Given the Commission's longstanding support for solar installations, staff issued a 10-Day letter on September 23rd. On October 1st, a response letter was received from an abutter, asking the Commission to reconsider the finding that the installation would be minimally visible.

The solar roof installation meets the recommended criteria set for renewable energy systems in the Design Guidelines. The system does not obscure any historic features from view or significantly alter the profile or character of the building. The asphalt roof surface is not a historic feature of the building. There is no effect to any façade that is visible from the public way (there are no visible facades on this building) and the building itself has been significantly altered over the years with little, if any, remaining historic fabric. For these reasons, the proposed solar installation may be considered appropriate to the historic district.



Ariel view of 61 Walnut Place, looking north.



Aerial view of 61 Walnut Place, looking west.



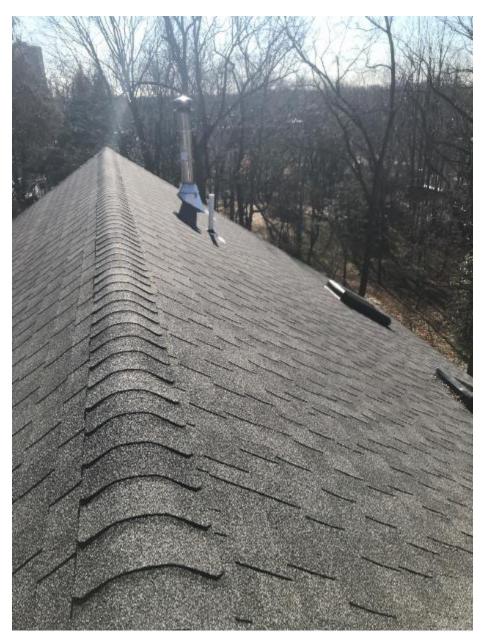
Ariel view of 61 Walnut Place, looking south.



Aerial view of 61 Walnut Place, looking east.



Visibility of rear roof (solar panel installation #1), taken from the end of the public way on Oakland Road.



Close up of installation site #1, showing existing asphalt shingles.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

THE PROJECT SCOPE INCLUDES THE DESIGN, SPECIFICATION, PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF A COMPLETE, TURN-KEY, GRID-TIED PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRIC SYSTEM.

MODULE TYPE	(50) LG360QIC-A5	
INVERTER	(50) ENPHASE IQ7PLUS-72-2-US	
OPTIMIZER	N/A	
ARRAY PITCH	R00F #I - 33, R00F #2 - 24 , R00F #3 - 0 , R00F #4 - 33 °	
ARRAY AZIMUTH	ROOF #I - 238, ROOF #2 - I48 , ROOF #3 - I48 , ROOF #4 - 238 °	
RACKING	(ROOF #1, 2, 4) - XRIOO ALUMINUM RAIL. (ROOF #3) - ECOLIBRIUM BALLASTED RACKING SYSTEMBLACK IRONRIDGE	
ATTACHMENT	(ROOF #1, 2, 4) - ECOSFASTEN GREENFASTEN GFI WITH SS 3"X 5/16" LAG SCREWS. (ROOF #3) - ECOLIBRIUM BALLASTED RACKING SYSTEM	

AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION:

BUILDING AUTHORITY	BROOKLINE MA
ELECTRICAL AUTHORITY	BROOKLINE MA
ZONING/PLANNING AUTHORITY	BROOKLINE MA
ELECTRICAL UTILITY	EVERSOURCE

DESIGN CRITERIA:

OCCUPANCY	RESIDENTIAL	
DESIGN WIND LOAD	128 MPH	
RISK CATEGORY	Ш	
GROUND SNOW LOAD	40 PSF	
EXPOSURE CATEGORY	В	
ROOF HEIGHT	20' ABOVE GRADE TO EAVES	
ROOF COMPOSITION	ASPHALT SHINGLE	
RAFTER	R00F #I - 3"x8", R00F #2 - 2"xI2", R00F #3 - 2"xI2", R00F #4 - 2"xI2"	
RAFTER SPACING	ROOF #1 - 28" O.C. , ROOF #2 - 16" O.C., ROOF #3 - 16" O.C., ROOF #4 - 16" O.C.	

SHEET LIST:

TITLE SHEET SITE PLAN MODULE LAYOUT ONE-LINE DIAGRAM G00I A00I A002 E00I

GENERAL NOTES:

- ALL WORK SHALL COMPLY WITH LOCAL AND STATE ORDINANCES AND BUILDING CODES.
 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION SHALL COMPLY WITH STATE AND LOCALLY ADOPTED ELECTRICAL CODE.
 ROOF TOP PENETRATIONS SHALL BE SEALED.
 ALL EQUIPMENT SHALL BE LISTED AND TESTED BY A RECOGNIZED LABORATORY.
 SYSTEM SHALL CONFORM TO RAPID SHUTDOWN REQUIREMENTS PER NEC 690.
 CONDUIT RUINE BETWEEN SUB-ARRYS, COMBINERS, AND DISCONNECTS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN THE
 MOST DIRECT ROUTE POSSIBLE.
 ELECTRICAL BOUPMENT SHALL BE INSTALLED TO MAINTAIN CLEARANCES REQUIRED BY NEC 110.
 EQUIPMENT SHALL BE LABELED PER NEC 2017 REQUIREMENTS.





1980 TURNPIKE ST. BUILDING #2 NORTH ANDOVER, MA 01845 (978)-308-9041

CLIENT:

BEN AND KATE TAYLOR 6I WALNUT PLACE BROOKLINE MA, 02445

SYSTEM TYPE:

18KW DC GRID TIED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM

FOR CONSTRUCTION

DESIGNED BY:	DAM
REVISION:	(
PRINT SIZE:	11° x 17
DATE:	9/11/2020
DAG TITLE:	

TITLE SHEET





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INSTALLATION SAFETY PLAN:

THE CONSTRUCTION HAZARD ZONE IDENTIFIES AN AREA WHERE CREWS ARE EQUIPPED WITH HARD HATS AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. ADDITIONALLY, PERSONNEL ON THE ROOF ARE HARNESSED WITH FALL PROTECTION GEAR AND ANCHORED TO THE ROOF AT ALL TIMES.





SITE PLAN

